

SINKING SHIP'S CALL HEARD

ALL SAVED FROM THE OLD JOY LINER KENTUCKY.

Headed for the Pacific Passenger Trade and Put in Once for Repairs—Alamo first to the Rescue—Was One of the Oldest of Wooden Screw Ships.

An aerial cry for help came over the air yesterday morning to all the alert ears of the United Wireless within 200 miles of the Cape Hatteras station. It was not the old signal that made Bins of the Republic famous, but the new international wireless message of distress, SOS, that operators of all nationalities would hear. The wireless ears of the navy heard it, the amateurs who could not hope to lend assistance heard it and all the coastwise craft at sea from Cape May to Jacksonville waited tremulously for the message that followed the signal: "Kentucky sinking; latitude 32.10, longitude 76.30."

Then there was a consultation of officers and all ships headed for the Kentucky's position, about 200 miles east by north of Savannah. The nearest wireless steamship to the Kentucky was the Mallory liner Alamo, bound from this port for Key West, Tampa and Mobile, and she ate up the knots to answer the cry.

Meanwhile Capt. William A. Marshall, commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard, had sent out the battleship Louisiana and the scout cruiser Birmingham to the Kentucky. The revenue cutter Yamacraw started out from Savannah to help. And while the merchant and war ships were seeking the Kentucky a world ashore and afloat was asking what the Kentucky was anyhow. It was recalled after a bit of thinking that she used to be a Joy liner and before that she was run by the Flagler interests on the Florida coast, and she was the Lincoln, in the service of the Kennebec Steamship Company, plying between Boston and Bath. She was a twin screw and one of a very limited number of seagoing wooden craft.

The Joy Line sold her to the Hartford and New York Transportation Company, which disposed of her to the Alaska-Pacific Steamship Company to carry passengers on the Pacific coast. She sailed hence on January 23, sprang a leak on the first day out and put into Newport News for repairs. The wireless operator, T. A. McLarny, who was assigned to the job of going with her to the Pacific through the Strait of Magellan, gave it up at Newport News and W. G. Maginnis took his place. It was Maginnis who told of the Kentucky's plight and started a fleet of rescuers moving in her direction.

Soon after the Mallory liner began moving for the Kentucky the distressed ship's wireless ceased working and it was supposed that the water had put out her fire and stopped her engines. For five and a half hours the wireless stations ashore heard nothing from the Kentucky. At the end of that period, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, there was wireless jubilation all along the coast when the Alamo's wireless operator sent out this message:

"Latitude 32.10, longitude, 76.28 (about 190 miles south of Hatteras), steamship Alamo has just taken Capt. Moore and crew of forty-six men from sinking steamer Kentucky. Water has already reached fire room and steamer will founder before midnight. The Alamo is now proceeding to Key West."

The Alamo should reach Key West to-morrow morning. She may tell more about the rescue by wireless before getting there.

Tietgen & Lang drydocked the Kentucky just before she sailed from this port and C. M. Englis of Greenpoint fitted her out at a cost, it is said, of about fifty thousand dollars. About eight feet more freeboard was added to her, and according to the steamboat inspectors she was quite able to negotiate the wintry seas. But she began to leak badly when she was about 150 miles south of Sandy Hook and her skipper, Capt. F. S. Moore, decided to put into Newport News. He started the pumps going, provisioned the lifeboats and had them ready for launching, apparently not having a high opinion of the old ship's seaworthiness.

She was simply crammed with coal, and it is said that as she was not a cargo ship the unusual weight in her hull shaken by the seas may have opened her seams. She was looked over carefully by experts at Newport News and they declared that after she had been repaired she was thoroughly seaworthy. She got a certificate from Lloyd's and the United States inspector at Newport News. Also the underwriters were satisfied. They were interested, as she was insured for \$70,000.

McLarny, the wireless man who left the Kentucky at Newport News, did so to oblige his mother, who had written to him that she had a premonition that something more was going to happen to the ship.

The battleship Louisiana, the cruiser Birmingham and the outer Yamacraw were recalled by wireless when the news of the rescue of the Kentucky's crew was received on shore.

KILLED IN BRIDGE STATION.

Identified Man Fell in Front of Train and Was Mangled.

An unidentified man about 45 years old fell from the platform at the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday afternoon in front of an eastbound train that was entering the station. Both of his legs were crushed. He was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital, where he died before midnight.

Motorman William Bartlett was coaxed the air pressure for an easy stop when he saw the man pitch out from the tracks within six feet of the motor car. He threw on the emergency with a jerk, but both the front and rear trucks of the forward car passed over the man before the sliding wheels came to a stop. At first it was thought that the man jumped in front of the train, but several persons who were on the platform said that he had seemed to crumple up as though overcome by sudden sickness.

The victim was of medium height and build, had brown hair and a reddish mustache and wore a black suit and overcoat. In his black derby hat were the initials T. H. M.

SUES HIS FORMER SWEETHEART.

L. M. Pond Demands \$25,000 for Breach of Promise of Marriage.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 4.—Lester M. Pond, a prominent Spokane architect, is so piqued at Miss Bessie Kelley, one of the city's fairest society buds, because she jilted him after accepting his attentions and promising to marry him, that he has sued his former sweetheart to recover \$25,000.

Miss Kelley's father, William J. Kelley of 11 Garfield place, is rich, but Miss Kelley, his only daughter, has no estate of her own. Mr. Kelley inherited many thousands of dollars from the estate of his uncle, William W. Connell, a wealthy reclusive who lived modestly and after his death was found to have securities valued at \$3,000,000 in a box under his bed.

Mr. Pond is an architect and was formerly associated in business with W. J. Burdette, who drew the plans for the State's new prison to replace Sing Sing. Mr. Pond removed to Spokane, Wash., several years ago and formed a partnership with Louis Booth.

Mr. Pond has engaged Morschauer & Hoyerstadt, who are attorneys for Harry Thaw, to press his suit against Miss Kelley. In his complaint asking for damages for breach of promise Mr. Pond offers the following schedule of the progress and decline of his suit for Miss Kelley's hand:

June 2, 1908, engaged to be married to Miss Kelley; date fixed for June 22, 1909; June 10, 1909, engagement announced; June 10, 1909, left Spokane for Poughkeepsie; arrived June 17, when Miss Kelley asked to have the wedding postponed; June 22, 1909, wedding postponed to October, 1909; July 24, 1909, Miss Kelley notified him that the engagement was at an end.

Mr. Pond says that his engagement to Miss Kelley cost him \$2,500 for traveling expenses and gifts. He wants this money back. The balance of the \$25,000 he is suing for is for mortification, humiliation, mental grief and the ridicule and contempt of his business associates.

Miss Kelley is a graduate of Lyndon Hall, a fashionable training school for girls. Both she and Mr. Pond belong to the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club set. A dance was given at the clubhouse when their engagement was announced. Miss Kelley's friends said that she would not marry Mr. Pond because upon reflection she could not bear to leave her mother and go away out to the State of Washington to live. It is understood that she will not defend Mr. Pond's suit, in which event it will be a matter for a Sheriff's jury to hear his story and assess damages, which may be all the way from six cents up.

WHY IS A FEMALE?

Latest Biologic Grappling With the Sex Problem—Cells All of Both Genders.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—In a lecture on heredity in sex before the Royal Institution William Bateson, professor of biology at Cambridge University, described at length the latest investigations into the facts regulating the distinction between male and female.

He said the past theories that sex could be influenced by prescriptions, by diet and the like had been abandoned, and that scientists are now building a new theory based on elaborate experiments with plants and animals and exhaustive observations of human families. The secret, however, has not yet been unraveled.

Nevertheless, Prof. Bateson went so far as to give qualified credit to the popular view that daughters resemble their fathers and sons their mothers. Experiments in the breeding and cross breeding of birds, he said, so far as they had gone, had come near to showing the accuracy of this view, and he added, there may be some foundation for the idea, although one cannot deal critically with the belief of that kind.

The lecturer also thought there was some ground for believing that females were a definite element which could repel certain other elements out of eggs which were going to become females. He thought also he was justified in believing that male cells are both male and female, and that female cells are equally female and male.

BEAM SMASHED THROUGH ROOF

After Falling Ten Stories—Sick Woman Had Narrow Escape.

A six foot guy beam used by painters to rig up a scaffold dropped from the fifth floor of the Scribner Building at 311 West Forty-third street yesterday and went through the roof of a flat below at 309, demolished a bed in which a sick woman was lying and then embedded itself in the floor of the room.

The Straus Advertising Company of 442 West Forty-second street is painting a large sign on the side of the Scribner Building and yesterday morning two painters were up on the side of the building working from a scaffold. In some way one of the guy beams became loosened and fell to the roof of the five story flat house.

The beam went through the roof like a knife and made a hole only twelve inches square. It hit the end of a brass bed in which Mrs. Mary Reehill, the wife of a carpet salesman, was lying. Flustered by the descent of the beam, Mrs. Reehill was out about the face and shoulders and became unconscious from the shock.

The painters when the beam fell found themselves hanging on to the scaffold at right angles. They managed to slide down the scaffold ropes and then quit work.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester Here. The Duke and Duchess of Manchester were passengers by the Cunarder Mauretania, in yesterday from Liverpool and Queenstown, and were met by the father of the Duchess, Eugene Zimmerman, at the pier. They will stay in this city a few days and will then make an automobile tour of the South, ending at Palm Beach. Other passengers were Lady Paget, Capt. A. E. Paget, W. K. Vanderbilt, Philippe Roy A. A. Booth of the Cunard Line, the Baron H. von Belding-Seldeneburg, Lady Lister Kaye, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward, Col. Cuyler, F. Vernon Willey, Col. George R. Dyer and Col. Robert B. Baker.

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DIPLOMA COST HER HER LIFE

OPERATION PUT OFF PROVES FATAL TO ANNA WAHL.

She'd Begged to Be Allowed to Attend Her School Graduation Exercises and Was Carried There in an Auto—Died in Private Hospital Three Days Later.

In a coffin banked by flowers sent by her classmates the body of Anna Wahl, 18 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wahl, lay at her home at 310 West 134th street last night while 500 children passed in and out of the room. At the head of the coffin stood the diploma which had cost her her life. It was encased in a handsome frame and surrounded by a garland of flowers given by Miss Emma B. Schoonmaker, principal of Public School 119; Miss Slowe and Miss Tremper, two of the child's teachers, and by seventy-five of her girl classmates.

Anna Wahl was one of the popular girls in the school, which is on 133d street near Eighth avenue. She was peculiarly eager to be graduated and to get her diploma that she might enter the Wadleigh High School. She grew ill and her parents thought that overstudy and worry were the causes and that once the examinations were over she would recover. Three weeks ago her condition became so bad that a doctor was sent for.

"Appendicitis," he said. And he added that an operation was necessary. The news was broken to the child. Graduated at 119 was Friday a week ago. The child pleaded with her mother to have the operation put off until after that date.

"I want my diploma above anything in this world," she said and the doctor agreed that the operation might be put off until after then.

A week ago Friday there assembled in the main class room at 119 the seventy-five girls to be graduated.

Just before the prizes diploma were to be handed out by Miss Schoonmaker a big automobile, part of the event, backed up to the curb and a little girl with a white frock and white gloves and a perfectly contented smile was lifted from the car and carried to the big room.

She was to get her diploma and that was the main thought, but the reception she received from her assembled girl friends and from her teachers made even the diploma sink into the background for a few minutes.

Anna Wahl was the first to be graduated. Miss Schoonmaker gave her the neatly tied roll and told her what a big thing she had accomplished and how glad the teacher was to give it to her. Then before any other diplomas were given out they carried the child back to the waiting automobile and closed the door.

The automobile stopped next at 19 West 101st street, a private hospital. On Saturday morning the surgeons operated for appendicitis. Anna Wahl died in the hospital last Monday morning. The members of her class called on the father and mother shortly after and asked for the diploma. It was given to them and returned only last night when the Rev. Dr. Neidemyer, of Mispah Chapel, in West Fifty-seventh street, read the funeral service over the child's body in the presence of as many of her classmates as could be crowded into the room.

After the funeral service the doors were thrown open and the children commenced to file by. Many of the girls carried in their hands the diplomas gained only a short time before.

FRENCH TARIFF NEXT.

State Department Hopes to Avert War of Maximum Rates After March 31.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Negotiations with the French Government will be begun within a few days in an effort to remove the present discriminations in the French tariff laws before March 31 next, when the maximum and minimum features of the American tariff go into effect. It is believed here that there will be no serious obstacles to a complete agreement with France.

France, it was said to-day, could not risk a trade war with the United States under present circumstances because almost every one of its competitors for American trade will obtain the minimum rates of the American tariff law. France will be hemmed in by Great Britain, Russia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and Italy, all of which will receive the minimum rates.

In view of this circumstance it is not believed here that France will run the risk of having the American maximum rates imposed on products imported into the United States. French trade would be badly damaged if the maximum rates of the American tariff, which are 25 per cent. higher than the minimum rates, should be imposed on her exports to this country while those of competing European countries were admitted at the minimum rates.

France has imposed its maximum rates upon American imports since the expiration of the trade agreement between the two countries a couple of months ago.

WANTS TO GIVE MONEY AWAY.

Commission to Inquire into Sanity of Miss Dallois.

On the application of Mrs. Kate L. Dallois of London for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the sanity of her daughter, Gerda, who last year obtained an annulment of her marriage to Ernest Blake, an English composer, Supreme Court Justice Gerard yesterday named James R. Deering, Dr. Frederick A. Lyons and John H. Van Tine. Mrs. Dallois is staying at the Hotel Manhattan and her daughter is in a sanitarium at 301 West Seventy-seventh street. The daughter, who is 28 years old, inherited \$15,000 in trust under the will of her father, James Dallois, a mining man, from which she has an income of \$7,000 a year.

Accompanying the petition of Mrs. Dallois was an affidavit from Dr. Graeme M. Hammond who says that the young woman wants to give away half her income to a man who has no claim on her and that unless she is sent to an asylum she may do so. He declares she thinks she is growing fat and takes unreasonable quantities of medicine.

Miss Dallois had several volumes of poems published before she was 20.

GEN. GRANT TO ENLIST.

For Sentimental Reasons He Is to Be Made Eligible for the U. S. A. R.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the Department of the Lakes, will be mustered into the United States army as a civil war soldier on April 29, the anniversary of the battle of Grand Gulf in 1863, and he will be mustered out July 4, forty-seven years after the surrender of Vicksburg.

Although he saw much of the war, was in eight battles and was twice injured on the firing line, the son of Gen. U. S. Grant was not a United States soldier. He was a boy 13 years old, accompanying his father from Youngs Point, La., in March, 1862, to the evacuation of Vicksburg in July of the same year.

"I want to become a member of the Grand Army for purely sentimental reasons," said Gen. Grant to-day, "but it is necessary to be mustered out of the army before I can be accepted. It will require a special act of Congress to do this, but my position as an active member of the army will not be impaired."

EARTH HIT BY HUNK OF COMET.

That's the Theory of Father McHugh to Explain Supposed Meteor Explosion.

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 4.—An explosion supposed to have been caused by the impact of a meteor at 1:30 this morning aroused the whole city and caused buildings to tremble. Those about the streets saw a great glare in the sky.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 4.—Reports from Keokuk and Hannibal say that at about 1:30 this morning the eastern sky was suddenly lighted with a great glare that was followed a moment later by a heavy shock which caused the earth to tremble.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Father McHugh, a professor of astronomy, said to-day that details of this latest explosion tended to confirm his theory that this meteor and those recently reported from Connecticut are fire balls that became detached from comet A when it passed through the solar system and have been travelling toward the earth ever since.

Comet A's balance of gravity probably became disturbed as it came close to the rival pulls of gravity from the various bodies in the solar system and it began to disintegrate, according to Father McHugh's theory. This caused the splitting and diminishing of the tail noted by various astronomers, and several fragments got into the sphere of the earth's attraction.

RAIN OF METEORITES IN ITALY.

Fall Red Hot Around Florence and Ruin Crops—People in Terror.

Rome, Feb. 4.—According to reports from Florence a rain of meteorites fell thereabout last night, especially at Vaglia and San Pietro. The stones were of the size and shape of hazel nuts.

When they reached the ground they were red hot and the crops were ruined. At midnight a meteor with a long tail of unusual brilliancy was visible. The meteorites were gathered by handfuls to-day by the peasants.

The people are impressed by the phenomenon. They fear disasters are portended and consequently they are crowding the churches to invoke help from heaven.

DANCED WITH BLAZE OVERHEAD.

Awful Mixup of Overcoats and Wraps at Cogger's Ball in Terrace Garden.

There was a small fire in the cloakroom of the Terrace Garden early this morning while 3,500 men and women danced on the big floor below at former Charles Cogger's ball, Wyandott Club ball. The blaze started about 2 o'clock. It is thought that it was caused by a cigarette carelessly thrown behind a partition.

While the alarm was sent in Adolph Sueskind, manager of the Garden, and Special Policemen Jacobs went among the members in the corridor and ante-rooms assuring them that the fire was but a trifle and that there was no possible danger. At the same time they pointed out the wisdom of not telling the crowds inside the dance hall unless it should become really necessary. So the dance went on and nobody on the floor knew anything about what was going on upstairs.

The cloakroom is on the second floor, and is near the concert room. When the fire was first discovered check boys and other employees of the Garden grabbed up coats, coats and hats in their arms and started taking them into the concert hall as fast as they could run back and forth. A good proportion of the personal belongings of the dancers was thus transferred before anything could be injured.

When it came to be time to go home, however, even those whose outer coverings were perfectly safe had no easy time getting them out of the chaos. A good many garments were burned or badly damaged before they could be got out of the room.

The firemen made short work of the small blaze and the damage to the building was negligible.

NEAR END OF FORD CASE.

Evidence All in and Arguments Begun—Miss Brockway on Stand.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 4.—In the trial of Mrs. Jeannette Ford for attempting to blackmail Charles L. Warriner the taking of testimony was closed this afternoon. Attorney William Thorndyke for the defense had issued subpoenas for L. J. Hackney, chief counsel for the Big Four Railroad; Frank D. Comstock, former treasurer; P. A. Hewitt, former auditor, and M. C. Horton, former paymaster of the road.

Judge Hackney only had accepted service. Attorney Thorndyke, however, had communicated by telephone with Judge Hackney and had told him that all he wanted was Warriner's confession. He was assured that this was in New York. Under these conditions Thorndyke decided to close his case.

Miss Ida Brockway was on the stand at the morning session. All that she had to say was that her former friend Mrs. Ford was sometimes markedly destitute of cash and again abruptly overflowing with funds.

The only other witness was Mrs. A. E. Jackson, a negro, at one time dressmaker for Mrs. Ford, who testified that when Mrs. Ford was indisposed, which was often the case, she wrote love letters for her, such as caused E. S. Cooke of Chicago to clamor for more.

The case is not likely to reach the jury before Monday.

WHAT ONE REGISTER KNOWS

MR. LYNCH OF THE BRONX RE-PLIES TO HIS SUPERIOR.

A somewhat puzzling account of the duties of a Deputy Water Register followed by a far from satisfactory examination in simple addition.

A few days ago Commissioner Thompson of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, in order to get a line on the capabilities of the deputies of the Water Register's department, wrote to them asking them to send in a short statement of what they considered were the duties expected of them. Thomas M. Lynch, the deputy of The Bronx, was one of the first to respond. When his reply was received Commissioner Thompson was unable to make head or tail of it. Mr. Thompson finally called his staff to his aid and asked them to get together and see if they could find out what Mr. Lynch was trying to report to him. After studying the communication for several hours they reported to the Commissioner that so far as they had been able to decipher the writing it read:

General Bunes of Water Repte See That All Clocks Rive Ora Tins Seen That That Do Dot Yey Day Sins All perib Tot Tak Omt, Meter See Joe Mole Every Day Aneslect See That, Send Out, Biller Meteri frontier Ber Seen Conchupen pay, Biller Seen Major Ins Anserd Every Day Too Setee All Depute Seled Am All Biller You See All.

Complaint, Ins Look, After.

THOMAS M. LYNCH.

Mr. Thompson was on the point of directing the dismissal of Mr. Lynch when he remembered that while the deputy might be short on penmanship and of knowledge how to construe the English language on paper he might yet be good with figures, which was after all one of the main qualifications of a Water Register. The Commissioner sent one of his accountants up to The Bronx to put the deputy through an elementary arithmetical test. The official tried Mr. Lynch first on simple addition, and the result of it was that the accountant thought there was no need for him to go ahead with the examination. This is how the preliminary test came out:

4,307	10,097	462	219
1,004	9,874	886	817
79	9,874	886	817
789	963,775	655	775
1,284	1,682	555	675
2,345	623	145	645
10,213	1,424,005	3,062	3,546
10,333	1,017,743	3,782	3,728
		8,075	9,675
		1,219	1,095
		1,070	90,720

Correct figures: 10,333 1,017,743 3,782 3,728

Mr. Lynch has been Water Register for The Bronx since 1904, being appointed therefor in Mayor McClellan's first term. He receives \$3,000 a year. It was said yesterday at the office of the Department that Lynch before his appointment was a saloon keeper.

There may be a new Water Register in The Bronx.

CORRESPONDENT PROTESTS.

Doesn't Want Divorce Suit Settled Until Her Name Is Cleared.

Dr. James Edward Stubbert, the tuberculosis expert of 238 West Seventy-third street, who recently brought suit for divorce from his wife, Catheryn, and sued Major J. Otis Woodward, commander of the Albany Burgesses Corps, for \$20,000 for alienation, asked Supreme Court Justice Gerard yesterday to discontinue the suit on the ground that it was brought through a misunderstanding and that he and his wife had become reconciled.

Mrs. Stubbert filed a counter suit against her husband, naming two correspondents, one of whom was Mrs. Mary Hartsell, wife of an actor. There was strong opposition from one of the correspondents against the discontinuance of the suit until her name had been cleared. Counsel for Dr. Stubbert said that the other correspondent had consented to the discontinuance.

Justice Gerard said he would certainly award the opposing correspondent her costs, but Henry Bernstein, the counsel, said "the question of costs is a small matter with my client. She has been maligned and wants her character vindicated, and it is not right that because the husband and wife have settled their marital differences that she should rest under a cloud when she denied wrongdoing. She is living with her husband, who has every confidence in her. I ask that this woman who has brought her into very unpleasant notoriety should write a letter vindicating her and apologize for ever making the charges against her, so that she would have something to show to offset the harm done here."

Justice Gerard said that there ought to be some way to meet such conditions, but he didn't think he could prevent the parties from discontinuing. Counsel for Dr. Stubbert asked the Court if he would not shorten the proceedings, because Dr. Stubbert and his wife were anxious to come together as soon as possible.

"I shall do nothing of the kind," Justice Gerard said. "I think what is asked for should be granted this lady. I may reserve decision for a month to get the matter settled properly."

NOT A BURGLAR, BUT HIS WIFE.

Mr. Cullinan's Error Reveals Existence of Domestic Unpleasantness.

YONKERS, Feb. 4.—That Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Cullinan have been living apart for several weeks became known to-day. The fact came out in a peculiar way.

Shortly after noon the police were asked to send a number of men to the Cullinan home on Lakeside Drive to capture a burglar who had broken in while Mr. Cullinan was in an upper room. Capt. Cooley with a squad of reserves responded. When they arrived Mrs. Cullinan opened the front door and inquired the cause of the excitement.

Mrs. Cullinan then explained that she had been living with her mother and had come to the house to-day to secure some of her personal property. She found the doors locked and forced entrance through a kitchen window. Her husband, who was in his room on the second floor, heard her moving about and called the police.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cullinan refused to speak of their differences for publication. Mr. Cullinan is a broker with an office in Exchange place, New York city.

TAFT DANCES AGAIN.

His Partners Two Young Ladies at the Depew's Reception.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Senator and Mrs. Depew gave a reception to-night in honor of the Republican Editorial Association of New York and many members of the Cabinet, most of the New York delegation in Congress, Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman, the Speaker and Miss Cannon attended.

Late in the evening President Taft, who had been at the theatre, dropped in with one of his aids, Capt. Johnson, and remained for a few minutes. He met most of the editors, shook hands with old acquaintances and then danced a few steps with Miss Paulding, Senator Depew's niece, and Miss MacArthur of Troy. The reception was a brilliant affair.

F. W. PARKER SURRENDERS.

Will Face Larceny Charges Against Tracy & Co.

Frederick W. Parker, one of the three members of the firm of Tracy & Co., against whom indictments were filed on Tuesday, surrendered himself in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon and was released in \$100,000 bail. The other members of the firm are William W. Tracy and Robert D. Covington.

The firm of Tracy & Co. failed last May for something over \$1,250,000, and the failure was brought to the attention of the District Attorney's office.

The indictment on which Parker surrendered himself charges larceny in the first degree.

GAYLEY ASKS DIVORCE.

Steel Trust Vice-President Alleges Desertion in Reno Suit.